

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 456

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Hallie McDole Durham on the celebration of her 99th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Hallie McDole Durham will celebrate her 99th birthday on May 9, 2009, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Murray and Mallie Harris McDole, Hallie Durham was born on May 9, 1910, and raised in Sumner County, along with her two older sisters, two older brothers, and two younger sisters; and

WHEREAS, as a young woman, Hallie McDole Durham was joined in marriage with Jack Durham and the couple's blessed union would last just a few years due to his untimely passing in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Hallie Durham served with acumen and alacrity as a school teacher for thirty-five years with the Sumner County school system, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, more than just a teacher, she was both a mentor and role model to the hundreds of students in her classroom, serving as an inspiration to them all during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Hallie Durham was a highly respected member of the Westmoreland community for many years, relocating after her retirement in 1974 to Gallatin, where she worked for twenty-five years as a volunteer at the Sumner Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family and a doting aunt to her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, Hallie McDole Durham cared for her elderly parents during their lifetime and has always been available, able, and willing to help her family and dear friends during time of illness; and

WHEREAS, a gracious, elegant, and charming lady, Hallie Durham enjoys traveling, playing cards, flowers, antiques, and socializing with her many friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, Hallie Durham is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Hallie McDole Durham on the celebration of her 99th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.